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Good Afternoon Mr. Wesson,

Attached is the information you requested on your California Public Records Act (CPRA) regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Reserves. Pursuant to Government Code sections 6254(c), 6255(a), and California Penal Code sections 832.7 and 832.8, personal information has been redacted.

Each request is explained below:

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

1. Any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding LASD Modular/Reserve academies being decertified by post.

Effective July 1, 2000, POST decertified two courses statewide, Course Control Numbers 8120-80420-XX and 8120-80440-XX (XX denotes the year course was presented), which included LASD reserve training modules B and C. See attached memo by Bureau Chief Dick Reed for additional information.

2. Any and all records, policies, directives or other guiding material regarding the reason(s) why the academies were decertified.

Effective July 1, 2000, Reserve Training modules B and C were replaced by the Regular Basic Course – Modular Format. See attached memo by Bureau Chief Dick Reed for additional information.

3. Any and all records, policies, directives or other guiding material regarding current LASD reserve deputies that attended these decertified post academies.

POST has no responsive documents.

4. Who are they and when did they go back to a certified academy?

POST has no responsive documents.

5. Copy of the POST Training Planner as of June 1, 2018 (or a date thereafter if the date indicated on the report is by default the date the report is run) for reserve peace officers employed by LASD. The report should be for the January 1, 2017-December 31, 2018 CPT Cycle.

See attached training planner for the 2017-18 CPT Cycle.

However, it has also been determined that some records and/or portions of such records are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act (Government Code §§ 6250 et seq.) and thus will be withheld or subject to redaction. Specifically, the Commission will not release any information identifying any particular officer's identity in regards to compliance or lack of compliance in connection with its audit determinations.

This determination is made in part pursuant to Government Code § 6254(k) read in conjunction with, inter alia, the appropriate provisions of California law precluding the release of such information, including, but not limited to, Penal Code § 832.7, 832.8, Evidence Code §§ 1043 and 1046, Civil Code § 1798 et seq., Evidence Code § 1040, and other applicable federal and state law, including the constitutional right to privacy; Government Code § 6254(c), (f) and Government Code § 6255.

6. Copy of the POST Training Planner for reserve peace officers employed by LASD for the 2015-2017 **(Training Cycle ran from 2015-2016)** cycle.

See attached training planner for the 2015-2016 CPT Cycle.

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7. Class Roster for LASD modular academies: 31, 32, 91, 93, 95, 128,129,130,131,132,133

See attachments for class rosters 128 – 133; POST has no responsive documents for class rosters 31, 32, 91, 93, or 95.

8. Class Roster for LASD modular academies held in 1977-1985

See attachments for class rosters of LASD modular academies held in 1977 – 1985.

9. Any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding all Technical Reserve Deputies and they took their Level II upgrade class.

Reserves are classified as Level III, II or I; there is no peace officer classification as "Technical Reserve". POST has no responsive documents.

10. According to an email from Lt. Christopher Blasnek of LASD Reserve Forces, sent in 2016, LASD Reserve Forces was directed by POST to conduct an audit to ensure the accuracy of LASD's records. This audit identified 62 reserves having an inconsistent training record.

- a) Any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding the audit
- b) Any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding the names of the 62 reserves, their academy class, what level the record had them at, and what level they should be.

POST has no responsive documents.

11. According to a LA Times article (attached) POST investigators found problems with records and timekeeping.

- a) Any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding this investigation.
- b) Any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding the 99 reserve deputies that were terminated or demoted. Please provide name and if they were demoted or terminated.
- c) Any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding the fabricated course material, and time and attendance records.
- d) Any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding the 99 reserve deputies that went back to an academy class and that class number.
- e) Any and all correspondence (letters, emails or other transmittals) between LASD and POST with regard to this audit including but not limited to who conducted audit, how audit was conducted, final results of audit, confirmations that audit was concluded and the final status of all reserve deputies as a result of the audit.

Attached is a redacted copy of the report. However, it has also been determined that some records and/or portions of such records are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act (Government Code §§ 6250 et seq.) and thus will be withheld or subject to redaction. Specifically, the Commission will not release any information identifying any particular officer's identity in regards to compliance or lack of compliance in connection with its audit determinations.

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12. Any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding who maintains POST records. Is it LASD or POST?

POST profile reports contain any POST certificates awarded, employment history, and POST certified training the person attended. Any other records are the responsibility of the employing agency.

13. According to a 2019 lawsuit, FRIEDMAN V. COUNTY OF L.A. (attached) The LA Sheriff's department acknowledges it misplaced Mr. Friedman's completion of his Level 3 training requirements. LASD also acknowledges that Mr. Friedman took and completed all required course work and examinations. We are seeking any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding Mr. Friedman's training.

See attached for Mr. Friedman's profile; personal identifying information has been redacted pursuant to Government Code sections 6254(c), 6255(a), and California Penal Code sections 832.7 and 832.8.

14. According to a LA Times article (attached), Michael Gennaco, head of the county's Office of Independent Review, stated that People who violated policy will be held accountable.

a) Please provide any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding the people who violated policy, the policy they violated.

b) Please provide any and all records, policies, directives, or other guiding material regarding the accountability of those in violation.

POST does not deal with employee discipline; those matters are strictly between the employing agency and the employee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Caporale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Phil" and last name "Caporale" clearly distinguishable.

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